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CLASS AICLES TO COL. HOUSE

Whitney Mart Shepardson, former president of Radio Free Europe and assistant to Col. Edward House at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, died Sunday at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City after a heart attack.

Shepardson, who was 73, was a graduate of Colgate University, Oxford University in England, and the Harvard Law School. He attended Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

Beginning his career as an attorney for the U.S. Shipping Board in 1917 and undergoing military training in 1918, he was sent in 1919 to the Paris Peace Conference. As an aide to Col. House, President Wilson's top adviser, Mr. Shepardson served as secretary of the commission, which wrote the Covenant of the League of Nations.

He was also secretary of the "economic group" of the American delegation to the conference, and was with House in England and Paris in 1919 when the final break between Wilson and his adviser occurred.

In the early 1920s Mr. Shepardson was instrumental in establishing the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London and the Council of Foreign Relations in New York.

Served as Director

In later years he served on the Council's board of directors and edited its annual publication, "The U.S. in World Affairs." In 1950 he published "The Early History of the Council on Foreign Relations."

In 1928 as a researcher for the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation he published the results of his six-year study of agricultural education in the United States. In 1928 he became a director of the General Education Board.

From 1921 to 1942 Mr. Shepardson has held positions in private industry, including the vice presidency of the International Railways of Central America, in charge of its commercial, financial and government affairs.

land and Scotland in 1940 on a Rockefeller Foundation grant, Mr. Shepardson went to London in 1942 as representative of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) for the European theater of operations. He returned to the U.S. later that year and took charge of OSS military intelligence, holding that position until 1946.

Honored by Nations

For his wartime work he was awarded the U.S. Medal of Merit, the French Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and the Order of the Orange, Nassau and The Netherlands.

In 1946 Mr. Shepardson joined the Carnegie Foundation as director of its British Dominions and Colonies Fund, holding this position until 1953. At that time he became president of the Free Europe Committee, which comprises Radio Free Europe, Free Europe Press and a refugee relations program. He served with the organization until 1956.

At the time of his death, Mr. Shepardson was preparing historical studies on events of which he had personal experience.

He was a member of the Centennial Association of New York, the Metropolitan Club and the Atheneum of London.

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